

Central Ohio Bridge Association (COBA) Board Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2019

Present: Janelle Courtright, Paul Grygier, Toni Bales, Bob Jiobu, Trish Jones, Sherry McArdle, Lew Rakocy, Cheryl Schneider, Peter Wahl, Joe Wernet, and Judy Williamson

Absent: Tom Bishel, Dave Maul, and Frank Paynter

President Janelle Courtright called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. at the Columbus Bridge Center.

Minutes from the December 11th meeting were approved.

COBA Website

Tim Kohl will no longer be maintaining the COBA website. Janelle Courtright will ask Eva Allen if she is willing to take it over. Peter Wahl and Trish Jones will create a list of expectations of what content should be on the website. It was noted that the COBA member directory is on the website but a password is required to access it. Unit clubs will be given the password for access. This password is not to be shared with the general public. Any COBA member may have personal information removed from the directory by contacting a board member.

March Sectional

Reports from the March Sectional indicated that it went well. The Sunday Swiss game was divided into three brackets due to the wide disparity between the top five teams and the next eight. The team captains of the five top teams met with the tournament director prior to the start of the game and they all agreed that a bracket of five was the best way to handle the situation.

July Sectional

The following assignments were made for the July Sectional (July 12 - 14):

Tournament Chair: Peter Wahl

Tournament Fliers: Lew Rakocy

Hospitality: Sherry McArdle and Trish Jones

Partnerships: Tom Bishel

The flights for BridgePlusBrunch will remain the same as in March. Siraj Haji will not be in charge and Joyce Penn will not be able to lead the discussion after the play. Janelle Courtright will contact Mike Roberts to see if he will be able to do hand analysis and present a topic for the participants.

Concerns were raised about the parking situation at the golf course. Janelle Courtright will talk to the manager to see what can be done to accommodate both golfers and bridge players.

Education and Recruitment Committee

The following people will form the Education and Recruitment Committee: Peter Wahl, Trish Jones, Lew Rakocy, Joe Wernet, Judy Williamson, Tim Kohl, and Jane Witherspoon. The purpose of this committee is to promote duplicate bridge and help the unit clubs attract new members. One goal is to form a collegiate bridge club at the Ohio State University.

Board Election

Bob Jiobu reported that he is recruiting candidates for the board election in July. Three board members will be leaving the board at that time, including treasurer Dave Maul. Janelle Courtright will talk to some people she thinks might be interested in becoming treasurer.

2020 Spring Nationals

Cheryl Schneider provided an update on planning for the 2020 Spring National Tournament taking place in Columbus. Sweatshirts and t-shirts are available for purchase. Experience Columbus will provide assistance with convention planning and resources to welcome participants to Columbus. Event sponsorships are available (from \$300 to \$500) to commemorate players or to promote clubs and businesses.

Other Business

Trish Jones raised the question of how many tournaments should be held in 2021. One suggestion is three regular sectionals and one non-life-master sectional. Janelle Courtright will look at the 2021 calendar to come up with some suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Grygier